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Chapter 1 Summary (4/25/12)

In the beginning of this novel “No less than Victory,” there is a brief summary about the events concerning World War II. In the first chapter it begins with the Battle of the Bulge which was a battle between the allied forces and the Americans. The Battle of the Bulge was fought over the winter months of 1944-1945 and was the last major Nazi offensive against the allies in World War II. This battle was the last attempt by Hitler to split the Allies into two in their drive towards Germany and to destroy their ability to supply themselves. Eddie Benson and Kenny Mitchell first appear in these chapters and how they fight against the Germans. The Novel talks about how the battle started which was on December 16th 1944. Hitler had convinced himself that the alliance between Britain, France and America in the western sector of Europe was a strong and major attack and defeat that could break up the alliance. His major goals were to initially break up the alliances allowing easier battle grounds for him and his troops. So he ordered a massive attack against what were primarily American Forces. The attack was strictly known as the Ardennes Offensive but because the initial attack by the Germans created a bulge in the allied front line it is known as the Battle of the Bulge. In the first chapter of this novel it helps to depict the exact scenes of the beginning of this battle. It identifies certain characters and how they are concerned among the people.

Chapter 2 Summary (4/26/12)

Eisenhower is the main character in this chapter. He talks about the bombing throughout the country and talks about the planes. Eisenhower and Doolittle talked about bombing German cities and the controversial issues surrounding them. They both started to talk about their tactics. They were talking about fighter pilots, like the P-57 and the P-51s in their regiment. Then they start talking about ending this war by the end of the Christmas. Doolittle starts to doubt that they will actually end by the Christmas because of what is happening. Then Eisenhower started to talk about how Generals started to make mistakes. They don’t have much power to make mistakes and these are mistakes that are here and there. The whole time it seemed that they were arguing and not getting anything done rather than making a bi bitch of the whole situation. Then they start talking about Monty’s big victory that had to play some importance in the establishing the points of their air raid. At this time Arthur started to get involved, however what he had to say was a bunch of crap too. They spoke of the prime minister and his decisions that would be the most important decisions for the war and the soldiers at war on the front lines. Teddy was now talked about in the conversation. Eisenhower knew that he was one of the few high-ranking Brits (A British soldier) who despised Montgomery. In this chapter there is a map of the situation on December 15, 1944, with all the movements of the American Soldiers.

Chapter 3 (4/27/12)

In this chapter it starts with the Headquarters, OB West, and Krefeld, Germany December 6, 1944. The main character in this chapter is Von Rundstedt who had missed Paris. He was seventy years old and was the oldest senior commander under Hitler’s command. Another character in this chapter is Model, who is a younger gentleman, who has a tight-mouth, and an exhausting man. Von Rundstedt talks about major strategies that he attempts to explain to his younger soldiers and tries to explain the importance of his teachings and the knowledge he knows. An example of his reasoning was concerning the Army Group B, which the Field Marshal Walther is in charge of. He also goes in detail and argues about how they are losing entire battles with their enemies. The battles he used to as examples was the battle at North Africa, Russia, and at France. A very interesting thing that he says is that “Drunk Generals make good Generals. This is a sarcastic thing he says because that cannot be true because it would not make sense for this to occur. He talks more about the field marshal and his command in the whole army and his importance to the cause. They refer to Fuher and his orders that he gives the soldiers. Von talks about many of his orders and argues about the context of his orders and the importance of such orders. There is a map of army plans in this chapter. The importance of this map is that it shows Hitler’s plan of action against their enemies.

Chapter 4 (4/28/12)

In this chapter the settings of the place starts now in St. Vith, Belgium on December 11, 1944. In this chapter we see a soldier in the Army and his name is Benson. He is not feeling good and wants to puke. The other soldiers threaten to hit him with the butt of his rifle if he pukes. Lane was next to Benson and was a very bad bully. He was talking stink about Benson in person and talked about how he was a wash out. Benson did not like this at all and took offense to what he was saying because of what he was saying. In this chapter the novel talks about the 106th fighting division and its importance in the war. They were scheduled to ship out to England and they were going to travel across the Atlantic Ocean. These were bad waters because there were many German Submarines in the area and were considered a death zone because of all the killings. The only hope in this case was to have U-boats they could drop depth charges. Benson was on a truck going to a certain area. Benson was concerned in this case because he did not want to get dropped off in a bad place. They wanted to unload his outfit and they would be good cannon fodder at war. Benson now was outside the truck and was going to enter the front lines with their First lieutenant and after they met up with their Captain.

Chapter 5 (4/29/12)

In this chapter the setting takes place in Ziegenberg, Near Bad Nauheim, and Germany December 12, 1944. In this chapter Von Rundstedt is talked about again in the concern about the conflict of the War. He was shocked by Hitler in this chapter because he doubted his authority to be absolute in his power of command. In this chapter we here about the first attempted murder of Hitler in July by his own men. The plot was to kill Hitler, but in the end all it did was injury him. Hitler is strongly referred to in this chapter. He begins a meeting with many of the Generals and high commanders of the German Army. Hitler talks about his strong idea of his commands and about his plans to fight against the enemy. In this chapter it talks about how the bomb was planted below a certain chair and was a concern of von. Hitler was very vocal in his commands and wanted all of the generals and commanders to listen up to all his commands. He wanted everything to go to plan so that there would be no error in the concern of defeating the enemy at hand. Hitler had a lot of concern because they were losing the war do to the strong opposing allies of their enemies. Model is mentioned in this chapter as one of the persons to hear Hitler’s plans and consider his plans. They talk about how they think that the British and Americans will beg for peace.